

The Cathedral of St. John the Divine



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Successes Granted to the Allied Arms in the Cause of Right and Freedom

February 25, 1945

8:00 p. m.



¶ *After the Procession has entered shall be sung*

HYMN 492

Festal Song

1 Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart, and soul, and mind, and strength
To serve the King of kings.

2 Rise up, O men of God!
His kingdom tarries long,
Bring in the day of brotherhood
And end the night of wrong.

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of man,
Rise up, O men of God! Amen.

¶ *The Canon Precentor will then sing the following Sentences of Scripture*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

Psalm xcv. 1, 2.

¶ *Then likewise he shall sing,*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ *Then shall be sung this Psalm*

PSALM 46

Deus noster refugium

Anglican Chant

GOD is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved, * and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God; * the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath showed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither, and behold the works of the LORD, * what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 Be still then, and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The LORD of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ *The Congregation will then be seated*

THE LESSON

read by COMMANDER DR. WINFIELD BURGGRAFF
Chaplain, The Royal Netherlands Navy

¶ *The Congregation will stand for the Bidding Prayer
and remain standing for the Prayers following*

THE BIDDING PRAYER

said by THE CANON PASTOR

GOOD Christian People, I bid your prayers for the whole company of the God-fearing in this world, that in all things they may work according to God's will, serve him faithfully, and worship him acceptably.

Ye shall pray for the Leaders of the United Nations and for all that are in authority; that all, and every one of them, may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and well-governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last great day.

Ye shall pray for the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, that they may be given grace and strength to bring this world war to the conclusion God wills.

Ye shall pray for all the peoples of the United Nations, that they may live in the true faith and fear of God, and in brotherly charity one towards another.

Ye shall pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air, for all prisoners and captives; for all who are in sickness or in sorrow; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers.

Finally, ye shall yield unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the successes granted to the Armies and Navies, which fight on the side of righteousness, justice, and freedom; and pray unto God that these victories, won at such great price, may be an earnest of the great victory which must come when all men shall serve with gladness in the armies of the King of kings.

And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions, and all our thanksgivings, in the words which Christ hath taught us, we make bold to say

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES

said by THE REVEREND JOHN A. F. MAYNARD, Th.D., Ph.D.
Rector of the French Church of Saint-Esprit

O LORD God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect all those who are serving in the armed forces of the United Nations, on the land, on the sea, and in the air. Support them in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with courage and loyalty; and grant that in all things they may serve without reproach; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE ARMIES OF LIBERATION

said by THE REVEREND LIEF T. GULBRANDSEN

Pastor of the Norwegian Seamen's Lutheran Church

ALMIGHTY God, who hast created man in thine own image; Grant, we beseech thee, to the men in the Armies of Liberation, grace fearlessly to contend against evil, and to make no peace with oppression; and, that the people thus freed may reverently use their freedom, help them to employ it in the maintenance of justice among men and nations, to the glory of thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE SICK AND THE WOUNDED

said by THE REVEREND JOSEPH F. SEFL

Pastor of the Jan Hus Bohemian Brethren Presbyterian Church

O FATHER of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servants who in the course of duty have been wounded in mind or body. Look upon them with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness, and give them patience under their affliction. In thy good time restore them to health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR THE OPPRESSED

said by THE REVEREND ALFRED T. DORF

Pastor of Our Saviour Danish Lutheran Church

O GOD, Almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Remember in pity such as are this day in lands occupied by the enemy, and hasten the day of their deliverance. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people; though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him, who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

said by THE REVEREND SENIOR R. ZAWISTOWSKI

Pastor of the Holy Cross Polish National Catholic Church

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give thee thanks for all those thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of the United Nations. Grant to them thy mercy and the light of thy presence, that the good work which thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then, from the Great Cathedra of New York,*

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIBERATED PEOPLES

will be said by HIS GRACE THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP GERMANOS POLYZOIDES
of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America

O LORD Jesus Christ our God, the God of all mercies and bounties; whose mercy is immeasurable, and whose love for mankind is an unfathomable deep: falling down in adoration before thy majesty, with fear and trembling, as unprofitable servants, and now humbly rendering thanks unto thy loving-kindness for thy benefits bestowed upon thy servants, who have been freed from the bonds of oppression, we glorify thee, we praise thee, we hymn thee, and we magnify thee as our Lord, and Master, and Benefactor: and again falling down before thee, we humbly thank thee, supplicating thy boundless and inexpressible mercy. And in that thou has now graciously vouchsafed to accept the peti-

tions of thy servants and to fulfill them, so also grant that henceforth thy holy Church and thy world may be delivered from every hostile assault, and may be vouchsafed peace and tranquility, and that increasing in true love of thee, and in all virtues, all thy faithful people may receive all thy benefits; and that we may ever offer thanksgiving unto thee together with thy Father who is from everlasting, and thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit, God glorified in one Person, and that we may say exceeding good things, and sing: Glory to thee, O God our Benefactor, unto ages of ages. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall the Choir and Congregation sing*

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! *Amen.*

¶ *The Congregation will be seated for the Bishop's Message*

THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE

¶ *The Congregation will stand for the remainder of the Service*

HYMN 445

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bear all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home. *Amen.*

¶ *Then will*

HIS GRACE THE RIGHT REVEREND BISHOP MAKARY
and the REVEREND CLERGY OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH,
assisted by the METROPOLITAN CHORUS, sing

MOLIEBEN FOR VICTORY

¶ *Then shall be played*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

¶ *After the National Anthem, the Canon Precentor will sing this Prayer*

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; Be now and evermore your defence; and make you know and feel, that there is none other Name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, you may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*